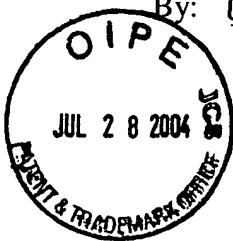


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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT



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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination, and without prejudice, as follows:

In the Specification:

Please delete “16a” on page 18, line 20 of the specification and replace it with “18b” and delete “16b” on page 18, line 21 of the specification and replace it with “18a.” Below is a marked-up version of the revised paragraph beginning on page 18, line 8 and ending on page 19, line 17 of the specification.

Thus, the invention provides the method of measuring the surface 15a of the cover 15 and the undersurface 19c of the stopper 19 is such that, in addition to the activating device for the cover, comprising the container 14 having the opening face 14a, the cover 15 for covering the opening face 14a of the container 14, the pivot arms 16 coupled to the cover 15 and the pivot unit 17 for making the cover 15 open and close the opening face 14a of the container 14 by pivoting the pivot arms 16, the above method of measuring is the art of measuring the surface 15a of the cover 15 and the